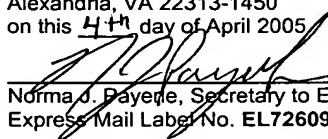


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Sir:

As a preliminary amendment in the attached patent application, the Applicant hereby amends the claims as follows. It will be appreciated that this preliminary amendment is set forth not as to the claims as originally filed, but as amended under PCT Article 34 and are an annex of the International Preliminary Examination Report, as enclosed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.